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NACHO-BUCHANAN LAWYER TOGETHER

Dallas, Tex. - Buchanan case attorney McCluskey, withdrew his consent to the intervention of the North American Conference of Homophile Organizations in the appeal now before the U. S. Supreme Court early in October. After reconsidering he said he would give consent for their petition.

"I have reconsidered, and I feel that any personal animosity that I have has to be put away for the purposes of this lawsuit, and I have consented to the reinstatement of the amicus brief being prepared by Prof. (Walter E.) Barnett," McCluskey said October 7.

Barnett is serving as counsel to the National Committee for Homosexual Law Reform, the successor to the NACHO legal committee which instituted the amicus action in the case on behalf of NACHO.

He was notified by McCluskey on Sept. 17 that McCluskey was withdrawing his consent for the NACHO brief as he had said he would do if NACHO failed to censure or remove committee chairman Austen Wade by Aug. 30, or Wade apologize for his actions in connection with a dispute over funds contributed for the appeal. NACHO took no action and the committee subsequently withdrew from NACHO to reform as the NCHLR.

Both Barnett and Wade said the withdrawal of McCluskey's consent would have no effect on the status of the NACHO brief.

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ARSON

The investigation of the Gay Club fires in Houston is becoming more and more involved. Mr. Parks of the Arson Division, Houston Fire Department said in an interview last week, "more than two people will be charged as soon as his investigation is complete".

Mr. Parks stated also that as soon as he was ready to release names, this paper would be notified. Their job is difficult and must be thorough, time only will permit the disclosure of persons involved.

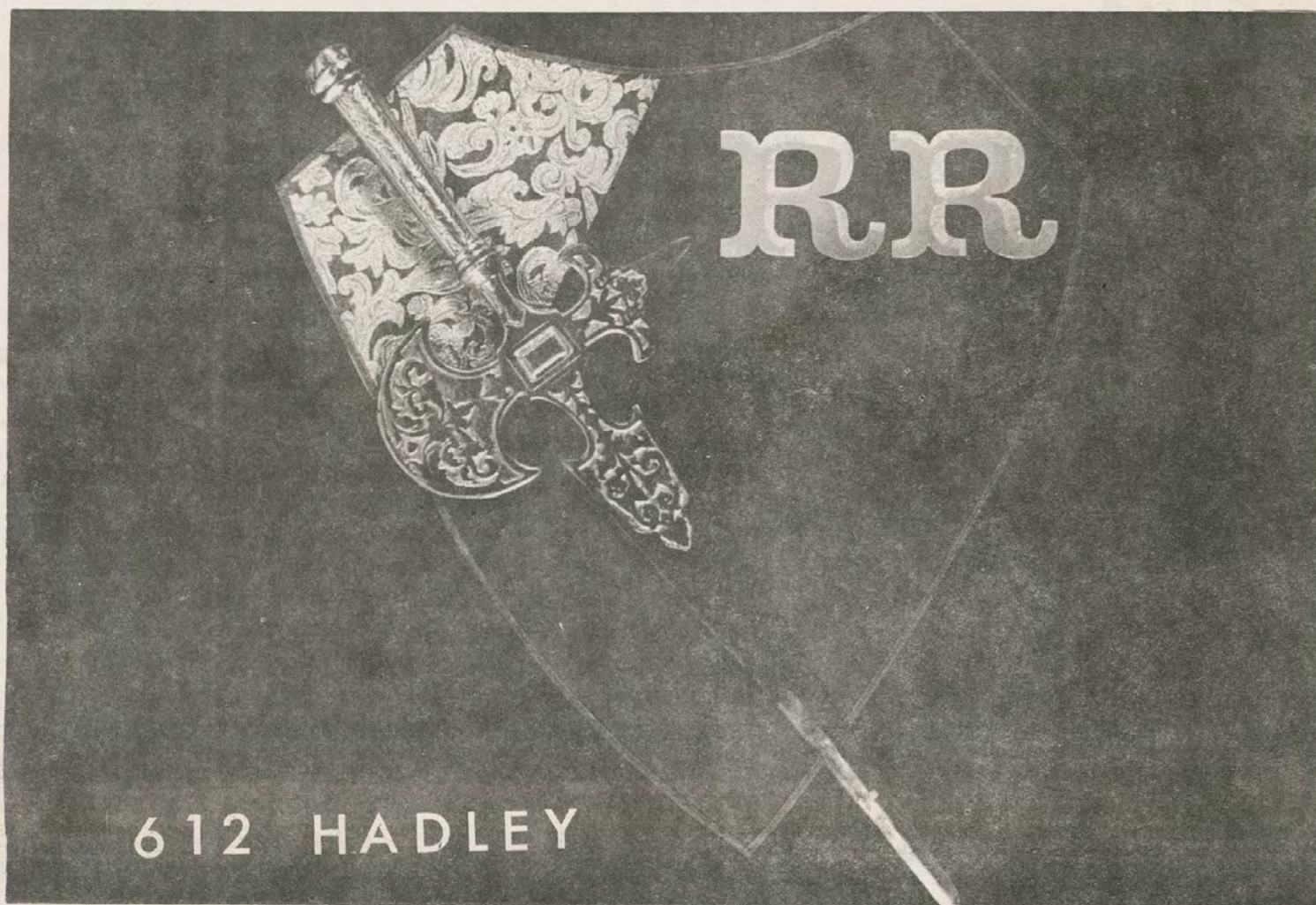
RAY HILL SENTENCED

Raymond Wayne Hill, 29, an ex-convict, drew 20 eight-year prison terms Thursday for burglary and felony theft.

Ray Hill as he was known to many of us was active in a number of the bars and clubs in the Houston area. He was manager for a time of the Plantation Club when it was still in operation before the fire on West Gray. He opened and ran for a short time a private club on Lovett Blvd. He was spokesman for the homosexuals

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on a local TV program and interested in an organization which included prominents in our circle which is now forgotten.

Hill, of 729 Manor, pleaded guilty before District Judge Edmund B. Duggan to 10 charges each of burglary and theft. Prosecutor Warren E. White recommended the sentences, which will be served simultaneously.

Hill, at the time of his arrest, was the manager for Mrs. Judith Ann Wolfe, 31, who filed in the Democratic primary for the Seventh Congressional District. She dropped out of the race after paying \$50 of a \$4,250 filing fee.

Hill was sentenced to three years in prison in 1964 for passing a forged instrument.

Mrs. Wolfe is scheduled for trial Jan. 4 on charges of burglary and theft.

She and Hill were indicted after they were found hiding beneath a stairway at the Austin Company, 2727 Buffalo Speedway on February 26.

Hill has been in jail since his arrest. They were discovered when Houston police answered a burglar alarm.

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McCluskey, howdver, said that "according to the rules of practice of the U. S. Supreme Court, to file the amicus curiae brief, you have to get the consent of one or both of the parties to the lawsuit and/or, you have to apply to the Supreme Court and have the court grant permission itself."

McCluskey said he had turned information over to postal authorities in connection with the funds dispute.

The Supreme Court convened Oct. 5, but gave no immediate indication whether it would hear the Buchanan appeal. McCluskey filed a motion in June asking the high court to dismiss the appeal by the State of Texas in the case on the ground that the state had filed its brief two days late.

There are actually two main appeals in the case. One, the state's, challenges the ruling by a three-judge federal court in Dallas last January that the state's sodomy law was unconstitutional because it violated the rights of a married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gibson, who had intervened in the case with Alvin Buchanan, a 32-year-old admitted homosexual challenging his conviction for alleged sex acts in a Sears, Roebuck and Co. restroom.

The second appeal was filed by McCluskey on behalf of Buchanan and Travis Strickland, another admitted homosexual intervening on the ground that the law threatened him because he had sexual relations with another man, although he has never been charged.

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The purpose of the second - or cross-appeal - was to reinforce and broaden the original ruling to specifically cover the rights of homosexuals to have sexual relations with each other.

Without the state's appeal, the cross-appeal would have almost no chance of being heard by the high court.

Buchanan's case also comes up in the state Court of Criminal Appeals in the near future.

Relations between McCluskey and Buchanan have reportedly become strained as a result of the funds dispute and the actions of the NACHO committee and its successor.

Buchanan was hospitalized as a result of an on-the-job injury September 11, and had been expected to undergo an operation for a possible slipped disc in his spine.

The operation has been delayed, reportedly as a result of legal complications involving insurance and liability coverage, and he has been released from the hospital and has been getting around on crutches.

The NUNTIUS, having received this information from the ADVOCATE, wishes to thank this national newspaper for their interest and complete coverage of happenings in Texas that will affect all of us.

The ADVOCATE has collected from readers and interested parties several thousand dollars to help in this all important case which is very costly. Not knowing if the readers of the NUNTIUS are aware of the need for funds we are appealing to you for financial support in this all important legal battle for our rights.

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Don't miss our very big show for Halloween!

Very Truly,

Gisele

Dear Gisele,

Look behind you for now you have a listing and an ad in the NUNTUS.

Thanks for the picture and the letter. Can't make your big Halloween Show but hope to see you soon.

Phil Frank

Honor L. was missed from his usual chair at T.W. Monday 9/14; but you know he was back in place by Tuesday. Too much week-end Honor????

The family barber and the other one who lives downstairs in 3 returned from San Francisco on Thursday. They report that they had a great time in the Golden Gate City and the return trip via Las Vegas, Grand Canyon etc. The barber says he had problems getting the other half away from the slot machines in Vegas.

The two report meeting new friends and re-newing old friendships in S. F.

One in particular comes to mind - an old friend of the barber Cliff, bought a new color TV. Country and Western singer Charlie Pride appeared on the screen the first night Cliff received his new set. The next A.M. Cliff returned his color set to the store for an adjustment - it was showing Black & White! O' those S.F. Queens!??

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An empty whiskey bottle which, when used, marked the highlights of the existence of Houston's "A" group for many years . . . Inside the bottle, distillers in Scotland had made a liquid which came to be a dominant force in the lives of members of the group during its founding, era of influence, and fall . . . All members are there, but primarily the leaders . . . Louella I, honest, intelligent, fun loving founder of what began as people who genuinely enjoyed each other and who, under the leadership of the first Louella, came to be admired, respected and envied for their lives of continuous group pleasures . . . Lynn, deviously crafty and vain egoist who turned a group of friends into a tool for personal vendettas and uses by abusing leader influence, in a campaign of abuses, beginning with the perverse misuse of the bottle which has come to be the group's symbol; and which, even after the fall of the group from public acceptance, continues to be the mainstay of life for the decadent leader and an ever decreasing sphere of influence; and which may, when total rejection comes, enable Lynn to reject all society with the same deftness used on an ever increasing number of the symbols . . . A sad requiem for the "A" group.

Renaissance

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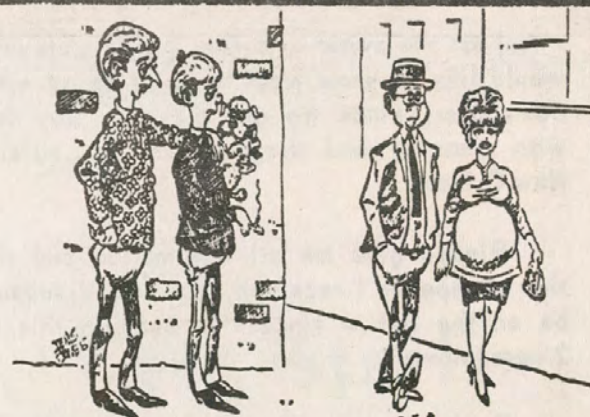
The landlord has been spending much time out of town the past two weeks — we think he is gone on business — or something! One occupant of upstairs flew off with the last hurricane.

Adak is doing well — but all work and no play makes Tom or is it Jack a dull boy. A recent arrival from S.F. was seen at Tobacco Road for dinner one night this past week. We want to welcome David to Houston. That same evening Moby Dick's parents were at dinner at Tobacco Rd.

Headache number one was here at the LUAU and he gave everyone a headache before the day was over. There were several from Los Vegas on the porch who also hurt in the upper parts. They were listening to music from Tennessee.

Sunday dinner was served, many brought their special dishes to contribute to the menu. Included in the contributions was a well known representative from the PE; Moby Dicks parents outdid themselves, as usual; Miss Bridge served the appetizers; the small fruit served fresh fruit — could that be HLC again?

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The TLCB and Houston law enforcement officers have had a ball this past month in Houston visiting our "Gay Clubs and Bars."

Two weeks ago the Palace Club, 3400 Montrose was checked by the TLCB and Vice. Two minors were in the club at the time, allegedly being served alcoholic beverages. The two minors along with five employees of the club were arrested, charged with serving minors, a misdemeanor liquor violation. All were released on bond posted by the club owner, Ron Lavine a short time later.

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The Palace Club was not closed at the time. Rumours of a raid and the club having been closed were both false.

The Red Room at 912 Hadley was checked by fifteen, (15), uniformed Houston Police this past week. There were no violations or arrests. (1 arrest outside the bar).

It is reported by customers in the bar that they were not permitted to leave for some time. Snide remarks and smart cracks were made by the officers to a number of club patrons. This action and voice is uncalled for by personnel of our law enforcement representatives! Are standards lower here in Houston for uniform officers than in other cities?

The Gold Room was also checked the same date as the Red Room. Nineteen other bars were checked the same night, seventeen being "straight" so it is not evidenced that "Gay Bars" are being singled out.

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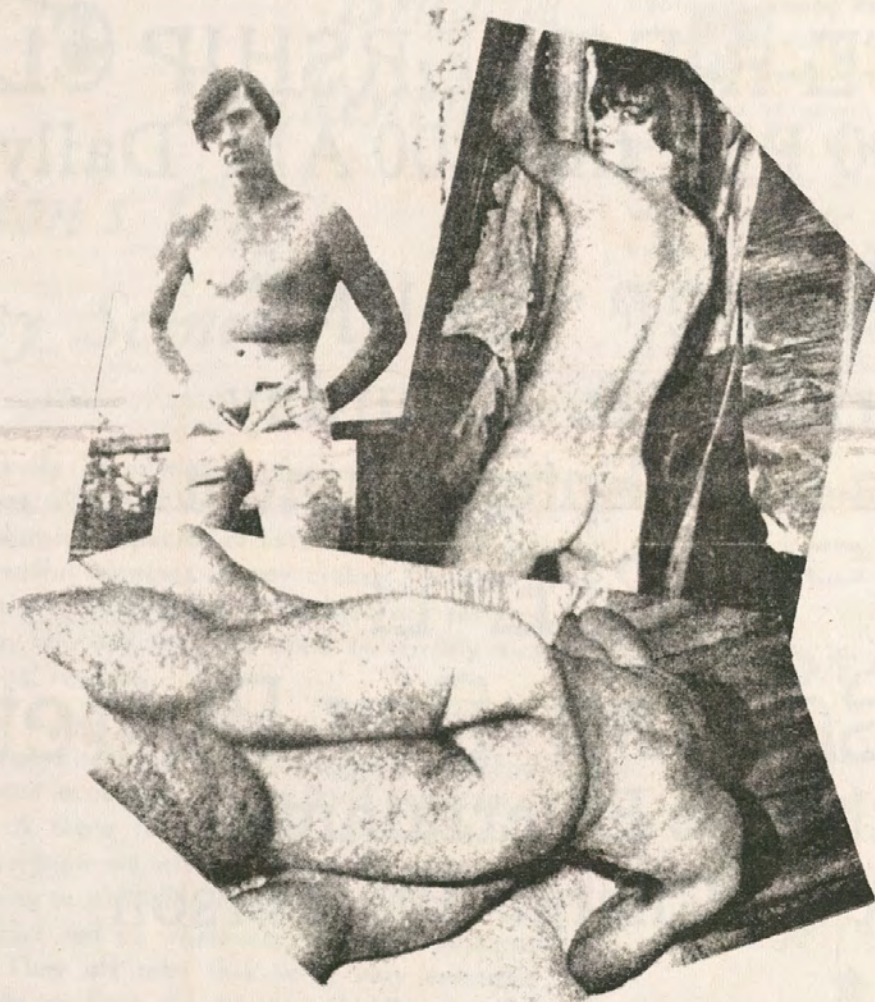
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Houston's Gay Society Scene

GOSSIP in really knowledgeable circles indicate some drastic changes will soon have to be made in the better guest lists following expected arrests in connection with the recent dreadful burnings of gay clubs. The persons against whom arson charges will be filed are just too, too surprising, luv, and they did seem so terribly nice. So embarrassing, really.

HALLOWE'EN is here again, and some of local society's more well known witches & warlocks & such are preparing for the great occasion. It's the Druid New Year as we all know & there is one group of simply darling metaphysicians (now we all know what THAT means!) who are planning to assemble at a near-by estate on the night of the 31st and do whatever they do to celebrate the Sabbath. They all take this very, very seriously, luv, and we do so hope they'll think kindly of us all during their ceremonies, don't we? I mean, really, walking about with webbed feet is so awkward even in shorties.

THERE is another group of practioners of the black arts, not nearly so important socially or metaphysically as the above-mentioned Beautiful People who will probably also be gathering to mutter & sputter and who have the most amusing custom of wearing metal rings, luv, and not around their many-coloured wrists. One would think these rings would prove terribly awkward during certain terribly intimate moments but they seem to think they are just too dandy for keeping away beasties that go bump in the night.

A LOCAL banker & oil man also wears a ring - - copper, luv - - round his wrist this time, and has just lost too many pounds to mention politely. Maybe his copper bracelet did it. At any rate the charming sobriquet "Piggy" by which the dear boy is known by so many of his friends & acquaintances will just have to go now. Maybe we could use "Piglet" or something. Anyway, everyone is just thrilled about it, really.

HOUSTON'S socialite launderess, of the well-known washerwoman clan, lately returned from a sudden trip to Los Angeles & Laguna Beach and has spread much confusion among her friends about the whole thing. Such a dear, actually, and it was so sad to hear her latest romantic involvement came unravelled over cocktails after she returned. Seems she attended a dinner party given by one of the Matrons of Mason Street (Lower Mason) and a contretemp arose which just proved it wasn't her night. Love is so terribly fleeting, luv, especially in the A Group (or is it the AA Group?). As we all know, this dear person's family has been handling the very best dirty linen in Houston for simply years so we all know she'll know just how to handle her own D.L. when it comes time to wash it out in public. It must be all so tiresome for the old dear, don't you know..

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A BLESSED EVENT occurred recently out Memorial way when one of our local Beautiful People gave a dinner party attended by some priests & bishops conventioning in town. It was just grand Their Lordships & Reverences could get away from all that tiresome ecclesiastical struggle downtown & have a fun evening! Bless us, Fathers, but was there really any sinning . . . ?

A LOCAL SOCIETY reporter type entertained not too long back at her home with a charming group of just us gals, most of whome drove their own trucks. Everyone is just terribly proud of the way this old pro has overcome her origins in a dumpy Texas Panhandle town and has risen to such prominence in local journalistic circles. Why, she single-handedly keeps Houston Society alive and kicking! Eat your heart out, Cleveland Amory, and we're just too excited about it all.

THE SCION OF one of Mexico's richest tequilla-producing families was recently in town visiting friends and having such a gay time. We were all just devastated, however, when he came down with that awful problem those of us who travel abroad frequently encounter at the most embarrassing times! So witty, he just groaned & called it Sam Houston's Revenge which after all is only fair.

OUT SOUTH MACGREGOR way, which is so conveniently close to TSU, U of H and a Hebrew School, not to mention some homes for the aged which are really commercial, there is a group of old boys who live in the most marvellous dreamy world. It's just wonderful the manner in which they accept each other regardless of their varied backgrounds which just goes to prove how democratic they all are, don't you know. All that really matters is that one's checks don't bounce too often and that everyone read New Yorker and hum the latest musical hits. All that business about culture & Old Family is just too out of the question for them, luv, and besides they're all in trade anyway. However, there are absolutely no bugs or vermin running loose out there who haven't been invited and the home movies (viewed while munching those darling wee fruit-cakes) are simply marvellous and now so legal, too. It's all just too wonderful and our good friend Alice, of Wonderland, Grosse Pointe and Clute just adores her frequent visits for High Tea.

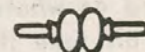
AS A RESULT OF HIS MOST RECENT near-fatal "accident" one of our most beloved local dilettantes has left for London to recuperate. His family have all been just marvellous about it, really, and agreed he should leave rather than enter a certain local hospital. He's now swinging in London, remittances in temporary tact. His step-father, who's a perfect dear from Dallas had given him a job running a small art film cinema here and we were all so happy for him after all those lean years. Of course, the genre of the films shown had recently degenerated in the estimation of some but naturally we never held that against the dear boy. After all he WAS earning a regular living and that's something in some circles here nowadays! Anyway, his dear Mummy (she's the ex-professional lady formerly of Houston, Las Vegas and Galveston - no relation to that famous Island Family, actually, but such fun to have the same name - - who is so warmly remembered by many locally) is standing by him as she has done through all his near-fatal accidents over the years. It's all just too, too sad but London can be so wonderfully therapeutic if you don't run out of money. We suppose the dear boy could take up the old family trade again if needs be . . .

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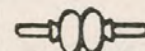
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 **4 - 12 DAILY** 

ONE OF OUR favourite Phantoms, of Houston, New Orleans and Corpus Christi, is back from a recent transcontinental railway journey telling simply fascinating tales of tails and conventions and parties. It's just too, too thrilling about those bottomless go-go boys out in naughty San Francisco and about that Gay Convention (held without a certain local Big Voice in the Gay Power movement who is also presently embarrassed about some of his erotic business dealings going bad) and about that Roman orgy party in New Orleans. The party was given by the Petronius Krewe for about 300 costumed dears with near-nude dancing waiters who wore nothing but the most darling little cups you-know-where. It was all so terribly exciting and gave new meaning to that old phrase, 'Getting Into His Cups.'

ONE OF OUR dearest jewellery store managers recently entertained at a small cocktail party in conjunction with the opening of their new location and we were just so entertained by it all. Although he didn't give out any samples of the stock he's really a precious dear and the local matrons just adore him. Small wonder, what with his being so kind and everything to local youths who need A Helping Hand and then there is always his marvellous collection of boxes.

THAT DEAR BOY, a gift to us from Louisiana and Granny-poo, is back after a less than successful appearance in New York. He had made a previous journey, out of love, luv, to the Land of Oz, which is officially called California, where he had just one marvellous experience after another. Included was rescuing his beloved from the clutches of an Air Force Honorary Major and all that. So kind and brave, really, although it cost him a bit. Now he's back in his townhouse and making rounds and we're just aquiver waiting for his annual Xmas party with all those remarkable guests he invites.

POLLY'S BACK! will soon be the watch-word among the Matrons of Mason Street (Upper and Lower Mason) when one of their own alumni returns from a lengthy visit in California, Oklahoma and Seagoville, Texas. We know they're going to be just thrilled to learn of her return at Christmastime probably, and she'll add so much to their mad, mad, mad, mad world. And probably take a little, took, but we mustn't begrudge a girls her occasional little lapses, luv. Anyway, we know the Matrons will knock up some little festive do to celebrate La Belle Polly's return and probably nail down their telephone, too. They're all so clever, you know, and they'll probably have no trouble finding secret places to squirrel away their wallets, check-books and credit cards for the duration . . .

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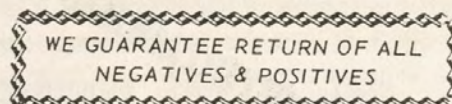
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by Hedda Hark

Hi Gang, Hedda here.

Heavens I'm bushed. Have been shopping all day for drag. Ran into many of my "elegant" sisters at Sally's and Good Willies. Robert, from LaFittes, said his outfit was costing a small fortune (small is right - because there she was at Sally's right in line behind me). Bernard why don't you up Roberts allowance? So far I've spent \$2., certainly hope I win some prize money for being lovely. Well, if not lovely, maybe thrifty.

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Chuck, (the bearded wonder), has left the Kon-Tiki after a successful reign of two years. He is now free-lancing. Several nights at Bill & Walt's GYM, what a devine position that must be - I must find out if that beard scratches). He's also popping beer caps at Robert's Lafittes. That was quite a split Chuckie.

Pretty new faces at Don & B.J's Kon-Tiki. Jimmy F. and Arthur B. Jimmy is a local B.O.I. (born on the Island). Artie hails from N.Y. with many broken hearts behind him. And Jimmie C. is still there on Monday evenings to serve you (and himself - vodka). Love you Jimmie.

Bernard and Robert at Lafittes have new weekly hours Opening at two Monday thru Friday. Twelve on Saturday and Sunday. And something new - Sunday brunch beginning at 12 - ending at 2:30 p.m. served with champagne cocktail (\$1.25). Bernard let's get married, your an excellent chef.

The Galveston Bar Owners, operators and The Gym. wish all of Houston a gay October 31 Bitches Xmas. And me to - - your columnist Hedda Hark!

Kiss off til next time - Hark - Hark

ONE OF OUR VERY OWN ROYAL persons, a dear really, who keeps coming and going (in & out of town, that is) has returned from a brief stay in Malta (that's in the Mediterranean, Luv) with some scandalous tales of life among the local fauna. While in Malta we understand his brief stay included stays in many briefs, too, and we're just terribly happy for him about it. But then as he has so often said, he lives in a sea of boxes (he's only about 5' 4" you know) and that should make him an expert on briefs of one kind or another.

AND SPEAKING of royalty, we saw our very own Big Indian Princess (she's the one who sends those interesting letters to her many enemies & their employers and that's so much more civilized than throwing her tomahawk at them, luv) as she was searching out one of the local watering holes. As usual, she simply underwhelmed us. She is dancing so much these days & hasn't it been rainy?

RICH OR POOR it's always fun to have money, luv, and that's what it's all about. We prefer the Beautiful People and those who would like to be and prefer to leave the others to the tender mercies of others. So don't become too distressed that you never appear in the society or gossip columns of Houston's other newspapers, luv, because it's a sure thing you'll eventually and frequently be mentioned in The Star Chamber. Just do it dear, and we'll help everyone remember it!

marihuana

WHAT IS MARIHUANA?

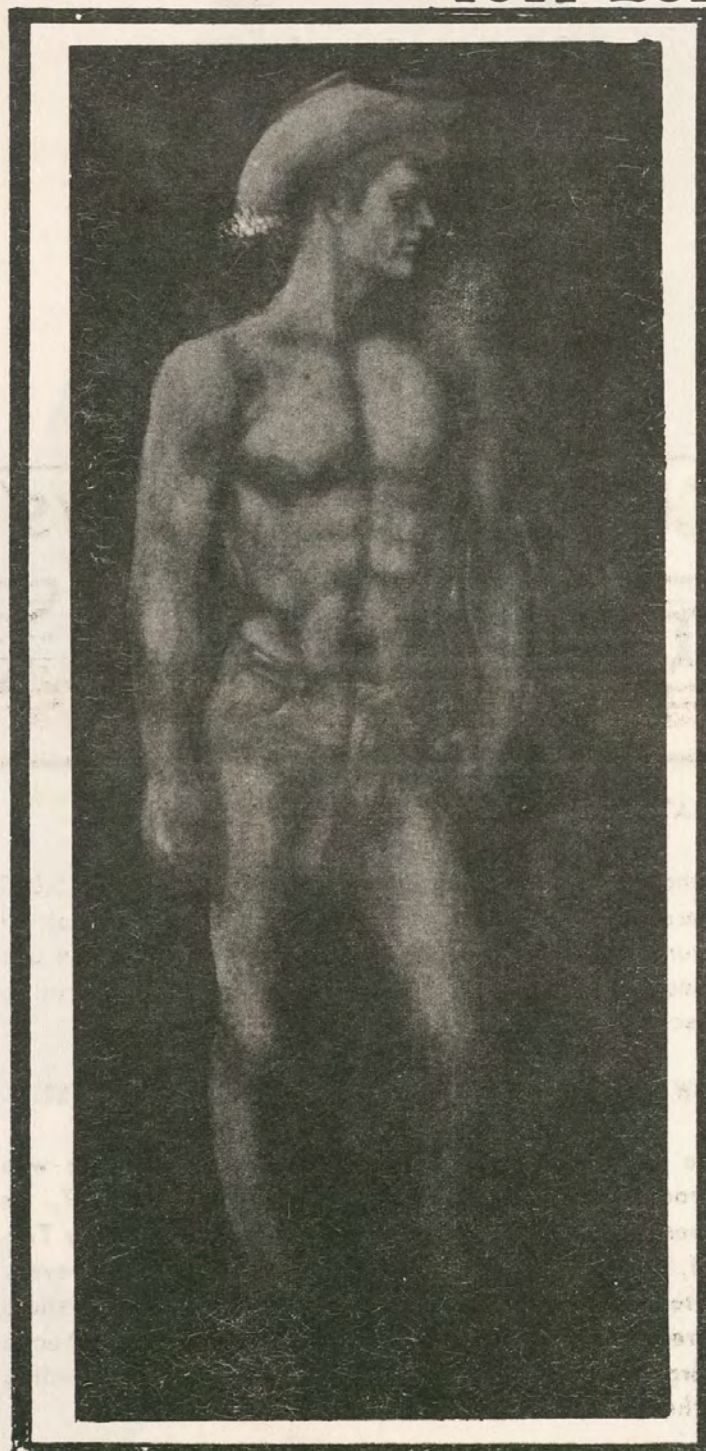
Marihuana is a drug found in the flowering tops and leaves of the Indian hemp plant, *cannabis sativa*. The plant grows in mild climates in countries around the world, especially in Mexico, Africa, India, and the Middle East. It also grows in the United States, where the drug is known as pot, tea, grass, weed, Mary Jane, and by other names.

For use as a drug, the leaves and flowers of the plant are dried and crushed or chopped into small pieces. This green product is usually rolled and smoked in short cigarettes or in pipes, or it can be taken in food. The cigarettes are commonly known as reefers, joints, and sticks. The smoke from marihuana is harsh, and smells like burnt rope or dried grasses. Its sweetish odor is easily recognized.

The strength of the drug differs from place to place, depending on where and how it is grown, how it is prepared for use, and how it is stored. The marihuana available in the United States is much weaker than the kind grown in Asia, Africa, or the Near East.

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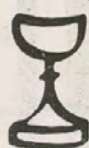
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WHAT IS ITS USE?

Although it has been known to man for nearly 5,000 years, marihuana is one of the least understood of all natural drugs. Unlike other drugs, it has no known use in modern medicine. It is used mainly for its intoxicating effects.

HOW WIDELY IS IT USED IN THE UNITED STATES?

The use of marihuana as an intoxicating drug was introduced in the United States in 1920. In 1937, its general use was outlawed by the Federal Marihuana Tax Act, followed by strict laws and enforcement in every State. In the mid-1960's, authorities reported a sharp increase in the use of marihuana. Arrests on marihuana charges have more than doubled since 1960, according to the President's Commission on Crime.

HOW DOES THE DRUG WORK?

When smoked, marihuana quickly enters the bloodstream and acts on the brain and nervous system. It affects the user's mood and thinking. Because it may cause hallucinations when taken in very large doses, it is classed as a mild "hallucinogen." Just how the drug works in the body and how it produces its effects have not yet been discovered by medical science.

WHAT ARE THE LAWS DEALING WITH MARIHUANA?

Under federal law, to have, give or sell marihuana in the United States is a felony, which is a serious crime. Federal and many State laws deal with the drug as severely as if it were a narcotic.

The Federal penalty for possessing the drug is 2 to 10 years imprisonment for the first offense, 5 to 20 years for the second offense, and 10 to 40 years for further offenses. Fines of up to \$20,000 for the first or subsequent offenses may be imposed. State laws also control the illicit use of these drugs. For transfer or sale of the drug, the first offense may bring a 5- to 20-year sentence and a fine of up to \$20,000; two or more offenses, 10 to 40 years in prison. If a person over 18 sells to a minor under 18 years of age, he is subject to a fine of up to \$20,000 and/or 10 to 40 years in prison for the first offense, with no suspension of sentence, probation, or parole.

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Grass (Marihuana), Speed (Methedrine), Yellow Jacket (Nembutal), and LSD have become household words. Economic and cultural barriers are disregarded when we talk of drug misuse.

There are many reasons for the current epidemic of drug misuse. Very broadly, drug abuse can be described as an effort by individuals to feel differently than they do. Many drugs temporarily allow their users to evade frustrations, to lessen depression and feelings of alienation, or to escape from themselves.

START, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to help the drug abuser in Houston. It will provide these services through the cooperative efforts of the medical, judicial, and law enforcement fields and with the help of local, state, federal, and private funds. (If you are in need of help and not in the Houston area, write this paper and we will make every effort to locate help for you in your immediate area).

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The Naked City Nudist Camp, Roselawn, Indiana, which runs a "Miss Nude America" contest, will hold a "Mr. Nude America" contest next year "to satisfy the women's liberation movement."

times have changed - -

While visiting in England recently, I heard about an old fellow of 91 who had decided to emigrate to Australia.

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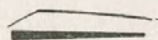
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Every man is worth just so much as the things are worth about which he busies himself, and culture is the most important fact about human beings. It makes the difference between brutish behavior and that of a wise man.

Man shares with all animals the first two stages of animal development: sensation and perception. It is the third stage, conception, that truly makes him human. To sense a thing and perceive it is commonplace. To read, witness or hear something and to come up with a conception is an accomplishment that belongs to man alone.

Everyone values books as sources of information on every known subject. But the forward looking person does not stop there. He sees the possibilities in books of deepening his culture and of learning to use his life in such a way as to increase his possibility of attaining happiness and fulfillment.

Culture is a by-product of reading, of study, and of fine associations. Culture is not merely for people of leisure but also for the busiest of people. No matter how well air-conditioned his office may be, the busiest business man should keep a window open to the world.

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People who reject culture deprive themselves of knowledge of what life holds and of what they are capable of becoming. Self-culture requires intercourse with superior minds. A man who is never brought into contact with minds more advanced than his own will probably run the same dull round of thought and action to the end of his days.

When a person passes into his "thirties" he is entering a momentous period of experience. Life has hitherto been fettered by personal and emotional relationships, the normal passion and pressure of youth. But now there is a new play opening. He can set apart some time in which to observe life, to think about things, to discover something about other people and the truth about himself. Life becomes significant . . . he sees it as a whole.

Culture is not a dress or a suit you buy off the clothing rack. It is made to measure. It is not manifested in a fastidious and noble search for strange refinements, or the jealous cultivation of a rank or caste as something making us different from common man. It is not merely behavior but a set of thoughts and beliefs and a builder of anticipations and great expectations.

"Some valuing those of their own side of mind,
Still make themselves the measure of mankind.
Fondly we think we honor merit then,
When we but praise ourselves in other men."

Pope

Alan Dumas'et

NEW YORK POLICE OUST - - -

New York - Helmeted tactical police force members ousted between 35 and 40 women and men from a New York University dormitory, ending a five-day protest by members of the Gay Liberation Front, a homosexual organization.

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I feel sure everyone has their own receipts for their Thanksgiving dinner. Just remember a glass of nice white wine will really make it special.

After the big feast, seems there is always bunches of turkey left over. What to do with it? There is always hash, cold sandwiches and the like which we all know.

Here is something different and I know you will like it, give it a try. I call it Turkey Crepes.

Combine 3 cups of diced cooked turkey, 1 can (10½ oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup, ¼ cup cream. Heat stirring often. Crepes: Whirl in blender 3 eggs, 1 cup milk, 1 cup pancake mix, 2 tablespoons melted butter to texture of cream. Let stand overnight. Butter, preheat a 9" skillet, add ¼ cup batter, tilting pan to spread. Turn when bottom browns. Stack and keep warm. Makes about 6 crepes. Spoon ½ cup turkey filling on center of each crepe and roll. Serve with hot turkey gravy.

Here's a dizzie for cooking a turkey - Mercy!!!!!!!

4 cups dry bread crumbs

½ cup sage

¼ cup onion

½ cup uncooked popcorn

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Hic, you bitch so much I loose track of time and here it is time to print again. I can't understand what you mean, haven't been anywhere but new places. They are the ones we always go to just make changes all the time.

Galleon, hard to believe these two boys with everything else have so much time to devote to their business. Thought for awhile there was an extension from their bar to their home as the bar phone always answered but the home phone didn't. M.C. must live in the bar as he

is always there. Drove in the other night and Hic said we were at the wrong place, no holes in the drive. You guessed it, new blacktop parking area, real nice and another improvement - what next?. Crowd still holds in this smart bar for the select uptown crowd.

On Shepherd, Scene 1, not a new location but completely changed inside. Carpets, decor, bridge room, even a group of new faces. Ron and Danny have made this one of our cities warmest bars. Understand late license and dancing are being planned for Scene 1. Stop by and check these improvements, see if you don't find them to your liking and good taste.

Mamma and Pappa Bear still directing a good crowd at the 60's. Where's Pappa been lately? Building something I guess, at least thats what he tells Mamma, haven't seen this part of the pair around lately. Sock-it-to-um - you girls know your business and keep it so.

Bunches frequent the Romulus each evening - do they never tire.. New quiet room, new bar, how Scotty can see so much to do in this nice place is hard to understand but it is in top shape.

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The Entree, swings all time – personality plus in this "homo haven" – always something going on. Would have had some shots of the girls Halloween but don't know anything about the camera we had. Sure were some pretty chicks there.

The Exile – people on top of people, photos in this issue courtesy of Ken Oberon of Custom Photography. Houston's oldest Halloween show and its swell. Congratulations Miss Exile and Frank for a swell show.

Checked out the LaCaja, Granny Awards, thirty three contestants and one or two old bags, this was counting Hic. The LaCaja has changed hands, couple of three have it now. Bill, Dave and Jerry. Bill and Dave are from California and Florida – Been around and have some super plans for this landmark of Gay Bars. We will have to watch and see the changes. Drop in and meet your new friends, you'll like them. Good luck boys – we'll be looking at and after you.

Mid Towne, U.S.A. – can't believe Bob was really working – fine pin ball but can't beat it anymore. Set-ups the best, crowd improving all the time – daytime group is fun here.

Pain, and I know what I'm saying, Payne was a Pain in her back but the T. W. went on just the same. Gumbo was great. The "Camp Time" in the afternoon is a great break from the office and you can get a "pick-up" for less than full price. Help her ake – can't be business that's making her "PAIN".

Ziegfield would be jealous had he seen the display of stars at the Palace. Ron promised on opening the best and there was nothing spared in the splendor of the Halloween Ball. Red carpet from street to elevator – doorman – the works. Lynn, better known as "Mr. Clean", (now manager of A & A Bookstores), handled the show in a very professional manner – looked great and much at home in his tux. The elegance of this parade of beauties again was lost to us because of faulty camera equipment but promise you pictures in the next edition. The Senate has been enlarged to double size and is a club all its own – waterfall in the clouds – plush in every respect – four bars now in this swank spot – intimate dance floor – nothing lacking. Big Club, bigger plans – see things happen here.

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Very Loud Music Can Cause Damage to Hearing

BY DR. T. R. VAN DELLEN

If rock 'n' roll recordings were medications they might never pass our FDA because the racket causes deafness. Dr. Frederick L. Dey of New London, Conn., tested sound pressure levels in a local discotheque and found the octave band frequencies most damaging to hearing. A typical reading of 110 decibels was obtained at a distance of 30 feet from the loudspeaker.

Noise is measured in decibels. In general, 35 is acceptable in court and classrooms, 55 in restaurants and 60 in sports arenas. At 80 db it is difficult to hear a telephone conversation if the room is noisy. Ninety can be tolerated for only a short time and 100 causes severe physical discomfort. At take-off, jets create 130 db and a mile from the runway 100 decibels.

Admittedly, 110 db in the discotheque is a lot of noise. At this level, exposure lasting an hour or two can be expected to cause some loss of hearing. At first, the impairment is temporary and due to fatigue of the hearing apparatus. But prolonged exposure results in deafness (acoustic trauma). Furthermore, there is ample proof that pop music is damaging the hearing of the present younger generation.

In industry, prolonged exposure to noise (greater than 85 db) is hazardous, even tho susceptible to noise damage varies with the individual. Ringing of the ears (tinnitus) may be an early indication of damage, but regular auditory testing is the only certain way of detecting the condition.

With age, hearing becomes less acute, and if the individual has worked in a fairly noisy environment for many years, he is likely to blame noise for the deficit. Audiometer tests usually distinguish between the two possibilities because different sound levels are involved.

City dwellers find noise pollution almost as disagreeable as air pollution. There is a good possibility that daily exposure has some harmful effect upon hearing.

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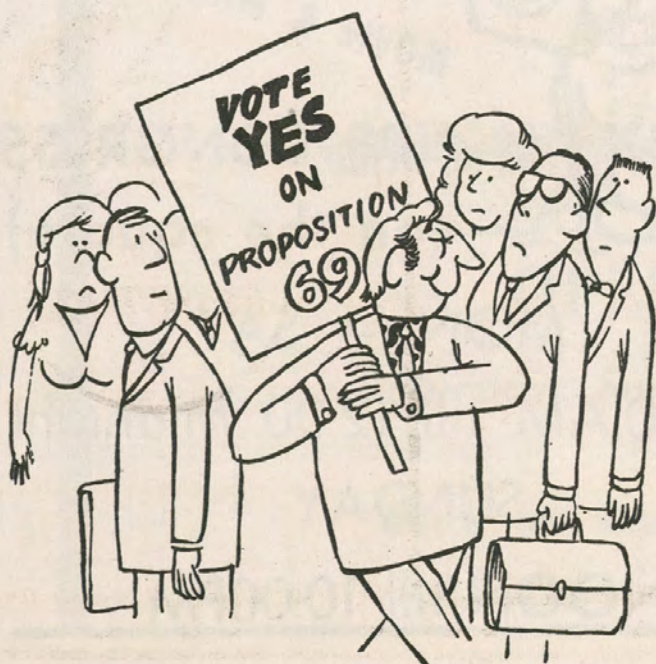
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MODEL MAN

There's a whole new thing happening in Houston. The town has finally discovered that men can look good in good-looking clothes — something we've known for years. Now, all of a sudden, stores have been trying to hire men as fashion models, not just as escorts for girls on a runway. There's only one hang-up. You can't just walk down a runway like you walk down a street and you can't do turns like a woman.

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Interestingly enough, Model Man has already found that some have been signing up for the five-week course who have no intentions of modeling but just want to improve their general appearance.

The school — and make no mistake about it, it is a school — is being run and managed by professionals. This kind of work, both teaching and doing, has been a large part of their lives.

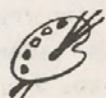
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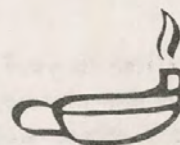
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ROBBINS ROUNDS by — robin james

Brand new Column -- when to start! Dawdling over after lunch coffee listening to the two little old ladies at the next table discussing their gardens, I wonder what would happen if I handed them a card saying "you have spent the last half hour sitting next to a homosexual. Do you feel contaminated?" Would they get up and move, I wonder.

With some straight's, it seems to be very "in" to know gays. Some friends and I were even considering opening a "rent a queer" service for parties, we were getting so many invitations from people we hardly knew.

Somewhere between the people who cultivate us because we are gay and the people who pull their children off the street there must be people who just don't care one way or another. I'd like to hear from the kids in Alpine County, California who are trying to establish a gay community with a meaningful voting block. Let us know how things are going.

Hopefully, before the next issue of the NUNTUIS is out, you'll find news boxes in your favorite clubs. we're anxious to find out your opinions, news items, etc. I'd like to hear your opinions and ideas on integration into straight society as opposed to it. So sit down and drop me a line NOW. c/o this paper.

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GAYS BUSTED AT PALACE CLUB

The pigs have crapped on the Gay community once again. This time they hoisted their hind leg on the Palace Club. Around 9 pm, Saturday, Oct. 24, two uniformed pigs appeared at the front desk of the club. When they were asked by the desk attendant what their business was, they replied: "Shut up. It's none of your business." All the employees were then searched and IDs were checked. Everyone in the club was asked if he were homosexual.

In the club that evening were two out-of-town guests who were under 21, but accompanied by a member. Their guest cards were stamped "No Alcohol," and they had been served only Coke. They were told by the pigs, who had by this time been joined by eight vice squad members, that unless they confessed to drinking alcohol they would "get the hell beat out of them." One pig, who had been seen in another club by one of the Palace's bartenders, told the bartender, "If you call out my name in front of these guys, I'll knock your teeth down your throat!"

After all the guests and employees had been harassed and cursed, the two minors and five employees were arrested and taken to jail. On the way downtown, the pigs laughed and joked about "the big haul of queers" they had made. They drove in excess of 110 mph and made numerous threats against their captives.

At police headquarters, four of the victims — including the two minors — were fined and released after one hour. The remaining three Palace employees were held for 17 hours and 20 minutes. They were never told what the charges against them were, were denied use of the telephone, and were never told of their legal rights. While being held, the Palace employees witnessed another prisoner being beaten until "he vomited for an hour."

The owner and manager of the Palace Club proceeded immediately to the police headquarters to post bond and pay fines. When they entered Vice Squad headquarters and asked what they could do to "see that this won't happen again," they were pushed down and told to shut up. One Vice Squad pig told them, "I've had enough of your club, and we're going to have your license."

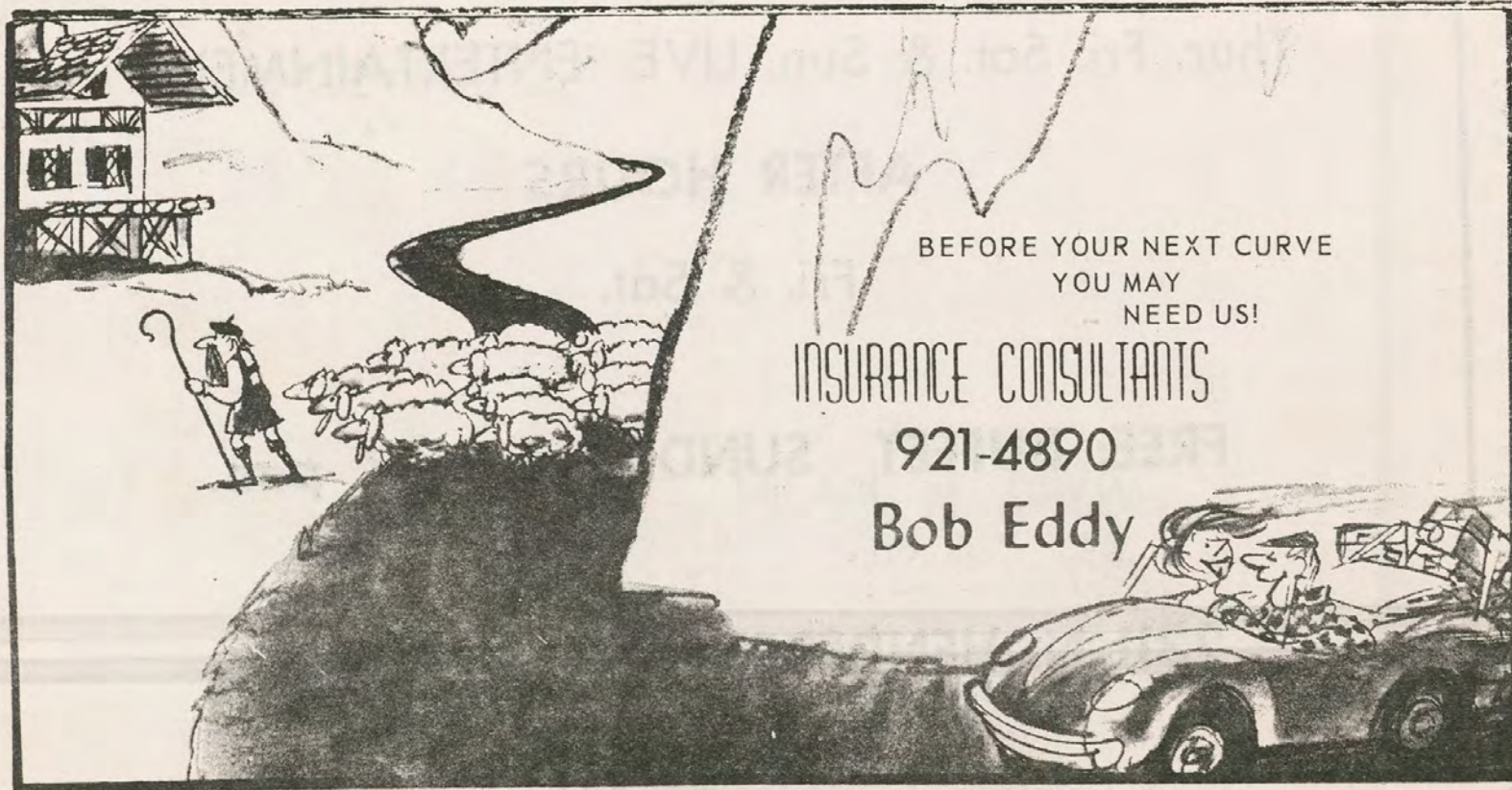
Release of the employees was secured through a bondsman who was quoted as saying, "This is the most obvious case of police harassment I've ever seen." Bonds on the three employees held over night were set at \$800 each — but they were never told what the charges were.

The headline of the October issue of Nuntius, which bills itself as Texas' Gay Newspaper, reads: "No Police Harassment in Houston." The Nuntius claims that the police are to help better run and protect our bars and that we should cooperate fully with them. We say Bullshit. The pigs are the enemy of the Gays. The incident at the Palace is not a remote one, not a rare one. It is an everyday occurrence in the Montrose area.

It's time the Gay community woke up to the facts, and it's time the Nuntius and others who claim to speak for Gays stopped avoiding the truth about the Houston police. The pigs have declared war on the Montrose area, and the Gay community is part of the Montrose.

The Gay Liberation Front of Houston is dedicated to the building of an effective defense within the Gay community — a defense capable of repelling the pigism that rocked the Palace Saturday night, the pigism that fucks over Gays every day of our lives. We call on all the Gays of Houston to join in the battle for Gay equality and dignity. Information on meeting times and places may be secured by calling Switchboard (522-9769) or writing GLF of Houston, P.O. Box 52105, Houston 77052.

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The above is out of a local Houston paper. I went to the office (?) of this paper in an effort to see if the person or persons responsible for this article might be in. I asked for the person who had written the above and was told, "that, oh, Ron did that." I asked was he there and what is his last name? "Oh, his last name! I can't remember what it is but he should be in later." (There were about six in this (?) office, one with a guitar and blank expression). I left name and number and asked that Ron (whatever) please call me.

Back at my office I called the number 522-9769, Houston Switchboard. I asked there to speak with someone regarding the Gay Liberation Front of Houston. "If you will leave your name or number I will have them call you." I asked from whom should I expect a call? "Ronny or! oh! I can't think of his name, but they will call you today." What is Ronny's last name I asked? "I don't know," she replied. You don't know? This seems strange to me. "Well, we are not supposed to give out their names." I left my number and am waiting - wish me luck as I am interested in what Mr. Ron has to say and has in mind for this Liberation.

From the article it seems someone must have been along for the ride to the local "cross-bar hotel" I just wonder on which side?

I don't feel harrassed - do any of you? If so, let's give equal space to all and see what we can come up with.



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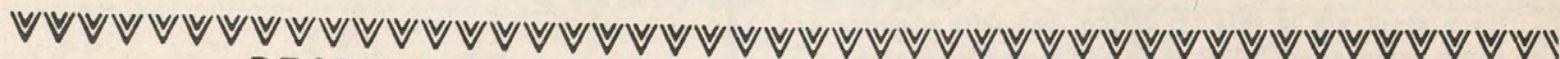


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